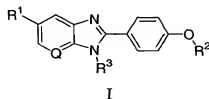


CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A compound of Formula I

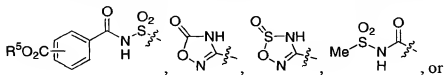
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wherein:

Q is CH or N;

10 R^1 is tetrazolyl, MeCONHSO_2^- , PhCONHSO_2^- , $\text{R}^5\text{O}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_{0-3}\text{CONHSO}_2^-$,

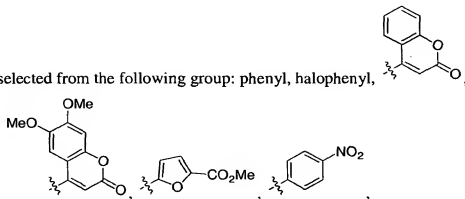


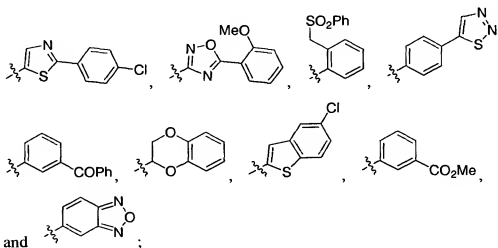
R^2 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{Ar}^1$, $-\text{CHPh}_2$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}(4\text{-FPh})$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}(4\text{-CF}_3\text{Ph})$, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CONp}$ where Np is naphthyl;

15 R^3 is $\text{C}_{5-7}\text{cycloalkyl}$;

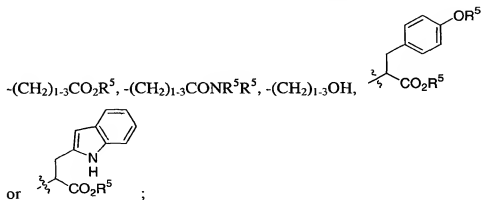
R^4 is hydrogen, Ar^2 , or Ar^3 ;

Ar^1 is selected from the following group: phenyl, halophenyl,






- Ar² is phenyl, naphthyl, or biphenyl, optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents
 5 selected from the group comprising halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆sulfoxy, C₁₋₂perfluoroalkyl, hydroxy, formyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, cyano, nitro, C₁₋₆alkylamido, CO₂R⁵, CONR⁵R⁵, C₁₋₆alkylsulfonamido, and dioxolane;
- Ar³ is thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, benzothiophenyl, benzofuranyl, indolyl,
 10 quinoliny, or pyrimidinyl optionally substituted with 1-2 substituents selected from the group comprising C₁₋₆alkyl, formyl, acetoxy, trifluoroacetoxy, and t-butoxycarbonyl;
- R⁵ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;
 R⁶ is halogen, methoxy, CO₂R⁵ or CONR⁷R⁸;
 15 R⁷ and R⁸ are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, -CH(Me)CO₂R⁵,



- or R⁷ and R⁸ taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached
 form pyrrolidine, morpholine, piperidine, 4-hydroxypiperidine,
 20 piperazine, or 4-methylpiperazine;
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or prodrug thereof.

2. A compound of claim 1 wherein R^3 is cyclohexyl.
3. A compound of claim 1 wherein R^1 is tetrazolyl and R^2 is .
4. A compound of claim 3 wherein R^4 is Ar^2 .
5. A compound of claim 4 wherein R^3 is cyclohexyl.
6. A compound of claim 3 wherein R^4 is Ar^3 .
- 10 7. A compound of claim 6 wherein R^3 is cyclohexyl.
8. A compound of claim 3 wherein R^4 is hydrogen.
9. A compound of claim 8 wherein R^3 is cyclohexyl.
- 15 10. A compound of claim 1 wherein R^2 is $-CH_2Ar^1$.
11. A compound of claim 10 wherein R^3 is cyclohexyl.
- 20 12. A composition useful for treating hepatitis C comprising a therapeutic amount of a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
13. A method for treating hepatitis C comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 to a patient.